

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A ferrule 1 for a multi-fiber connector as shown in Fig. 12, for example, has a flange 1b of a synthetic resin at the rear portion of a body 1a whose rear portion from nearly the center has a cylindrical shape, and an opening 1c formed in the center of the body 1a. The ferrule 1 has two pin holes 1d formed in the lengthwise direction for insertion of guide ~~pings~~ pins and a plurality of fiber holes 1e for insertion of optical fibers formed between the two pin holes 1d.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 28, and continuing to page 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--To achieve the objective, according to the present invention, a method of producing a ferrule having a plurality of fiber holes for insertion of optical fibers formed between two pin holes for insertion of guide ~~pings~~ pins, which comprises a step of injecting a synthetic resin in a mold for forming the ferrule while holding a plurality of pins with a Young's modulus of  $(22 \text{ to } 59) \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2$  for forming the fiber holes at two points separated by a distance of 1.5 to 4 mm in a lengthwise direction of the pins.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--To achieve the object, a first ferrule according to the present invention, produced by the method as described above, comprises pin holes for insertion of guide ~~pings~~ pins; a plurality of fiber holes for insertion of optical fibers, formed between the pin holes; and an opening which communicates with the plurality of fiber holes and through which an adhesive for securely adhering the optical fibers in the fiber holes is injected.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The ferrule 3 has a flange 3b formed at the rear portion of its body 3a and an opening 3c formed in the center of the body 3a, and the portion extending rearward from nearly the center of the body 3a has a cylindrical shape. The ferrule 3 has two pin holes 3d for insertion of guide ~~pings~~ pins formed in the lengthwise direction, and two rows of fiber holes 3e for insertion of optical fibers formed one above the other between the two pin holes 3d.--